(c) whether it is a fact that bandages and other medicines are not available in the Hospital; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The press clipping alleges:—

(1) Shortage of bandages, gauge, plaster of paris, Thomas splint, needle, antiseptic lotions and medicines.

(2) Unhygienic condition of stores and poor storage facilities.

(3) Poor quality of surgical implants.

(4) Charging of money by dresser for dressing.

(c) and (d) Bandages and other medicines are available in Safdarjung Hospital. However, if at any point of time there is any shortage of emergency and essential medicines, imprest money is available with the Chief Medical Officer of the concerned casualty for the purchase of the requisite items to provide to patients.

Poor Functioning of Incinerators in Hosplitals

3993. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of poor functioning of the incinerators in various hospitals in the capital, the Delhi High Court has directed all the hospitals including Government hospitals to upgrade the functioning of incinerators;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been initiated by the hospital authorities in the capital to upgrade the functioning of incinerators; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Central Pollution Control Board has informed that High Court of Delhi in its order dated 1.12.2000 issued notices to Safdarjung Hospital,

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Kalawati Saran Children Hospital, Escorts Hospital, Batra Hospital, Moolchand Hospital and Smt. Sucheta Kripalani Hospital.

(b) and (c) Central Pollution Control Board has informed that steps have been taken by the Hospitals for improving treatment facilities set up by them.

As regards Central Government Hospitals in Delhi, the incinerators of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital have been modified to meet the emission norms laid down by the Central Pollution Control Board. The incinerator of Dr. Ram Manohar Lahia Hospital has been upgraded with Pollution Control Device. In Safdarjung Hospital, the Secondary Chamber of the incinerator has been increased to large size. The size of the nozzle for better flow of LDO has been changed to larger size to increase the flow of foil which is required to obtain the optimum temperature as laid down in the guidelines of Central Pollution Control Board. In Smt. Sucheta Kripalani Hospital and Kalawati Saran Children Hospital, the Secondary Burner is being installed to upgrade the existing incinerator and procurement of a new incinerator is in process.

Close monitoring and segregation of the waste is being carried out in the Central Government Hospitals at the site of generation of the waste.

Flouting of MCI rules by Medical Colleges

3994. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the new-item captioned "Medical Colleges Flouting Rules", which appeared in the Pioneer, dated the 26th February, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the Medical Colleges affiliated to Delhi University are conducting courses in contravention of the rules laid down by the MCI for running these courses;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and